

APEP Input for Senior Advisor's Meeting

August 20, 2018

1. Status of briefing materials for Jane for her meetings during the coming week.

- AO has schedules Acting Administrator Wheeler and German Ambassador Haber for September 5 at 4:00 pm. Draft briefing materials will be sent to Lisa for review on August 29. [Buckley, Doroski]

2. Items for Mark for his meeting with Chad

3. Items for Mark for his 1-1 meeting with Jane.

ACTION

INFO

- Follow-up: EPA AO scheduled EPAT Minister Lee meeting with Acting Administrator Wheeler for September 25. EPAT countered with September 20-21. EPA explained that Wheeler is at G7 that week and is only available on the September 25. EPAT remarked that Minister Lee cannot meet on the 25th. APEP requested final confirmation from EPAT, before meeting is canceled on the Acting Administrator's calendar. [Guen-Murray]
- On August 13th, the German Embassy in Washington DC reached out to OITA to request a summary of EPA's evaluation of the health and environmental impacts of Roundup, given the recent California court case. OITA and OSCPP provided the Embassy links to our assessments and information on glyphosate (the primary active ingredient in Roundup). The Embassy further inquired about the status of an Inspector General (IG) investigation into several EPA glyphosate review-related matters, referencing a May 2017 letter from the IG to Representative Lieu from California. OITA advised the German Embassy that any final reports can be found on the IG's website. [Kasat, Buckley]
- It is not decided if the Japan Environment Minister Nakagawa will attend the G7 EMM yet. If he attends, he would like to have a side meeting with EPA. Japan also asked EPA's opinion on the G7 EMM, especially after the Charlevoix summit and specifically how EPA will approach the plastic innovation challenge. ORBA is coordinating with OGAP on response if any. [Novikoff]

4. ORBA-OGAP Coordination

5. Upcoming travel and events – please include a short 2-3 sentence description.

August

September

- September 4-7: Jack Guen-Murray and OAR's Dr. David Schmeltz will travel to Manila, Philippines to implement the 8th Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network (APMMN) Partners Meeting and Workshop, a key program under the International Environmental Partnership. Officials from 15 countries will receive technical training from APMMN

experts and contribute to the development of a strategy to increase international outreach to recruit new members in 2019. [Guen-Murray]

- September 5-6: In partnership with the Hans Seidel Foundation, Carol Ann Siciliano and Sonja Rodman from OGC will deliver an air and water permitting workshop to Vietnam's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE). This workshop helps implement EPA's interagency agreement with DOS/OES. [Kasat]
- September 10-14: Amy Zimpfer (Region 9) and Lynne Hood (Region 10) will deliver an "Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for Energy Projects" train-the-trainer training in partnership with Vietnam's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) and World Bank. This training helps implement EPA's interagency agreement with USAID/RDMA [Kasat]
- September 10-14: EPA will host MEE for a study tour on permitting topics. This study tour is a continuation of EPA-MEE cooperation of developing China's emission permit systems. The focus of this visit will be on RCRA and NPDES permits. [Chen]
- September 13-14: Kyle Tsukahira from Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement will deliver a Kids Making Sense Teacher Training Workshop in Taiwan as part of IEP.
- September 18: U.S.-China RAQM & VOC/Ozone Management Study Tour will be hosted by OAR/OAQPS in EPA Research Triangle Park. [Chen]
- September 17-19: OCSPP DAA Nancy Beck is traveling to Taiwan for a chemicals management workshop building off of last year's training on the new chemicals management law. [Harris]
- Sept 18-21: OCSPP OPP Director Yu-ting Guilaran and Director Wynne Miller will travel to Taipei to deliver presentations to 200 government and industry representatives at the 2018 Pesticides Seminar and Conference. [Guen-Murray]
- September 24-28: OLEM Office Director Barnes Johnson and OLEM and OITA staff will facilitate the International E-Waste Management Network (IEMN) Workshop in Manila, Philippines. [Doroski]
- September 24-28: Karen Bradham, EPA ORD and Ambassador Winston Dang will deliver a children's health research workshop in Taiwan as part of IEP.

Fall

- September/October (tentative): EPA will host the next U.S.-China GPVI workshop/study tour. [Chen]
- October 8-15: Eco-Campus Student Conservation Leadership Summit in San Diego
- October 9-13: Justin Harris and Ginger Potter will participate in the Global Environmental Education Partnership (GEEP) meeting in Spokane, WA.
- November 13-14: Circular Economy Global Forum in Taipei, Taiwan

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- November 14-16: Several EPA programs will participate in the Better Air Quality Conference in Kuching, Malaysia, including, SSEA-AIR, APMMN, AirNow-International and BenMAP.
- November (TBD): Regional Soil & Groundwater Remediation Working Group Meeting in Taipei, Taiwan